

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Secretariat Service Rules and A.P. Secretariat Subordinate Service Rules – Law Department - Providing of promotion channel to the categories of Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government & Section Officers and Special Category Stenographers/Senior Stenographers - earmarking of vacancies – Orders –Issued.

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LAW (M.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 57

Dated: 10.06.2013  
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No. 445, G.A. (Ser. B) Department, dated 29.10.1998
2. G.O.Ms.No. 455, G.A. (Ser. B) Department, dated 31.10.1997
3. G.O.Ms.No. 555, G.A.(Ser. B)Department, dated 30.8.2008.
4. G.O.Ms.No. 33, G.A.(Ser.B)Department, dated 19.01.2010
5. G.O.Rt.No. 418, Law ( M.I) Department, dated 24.02.2012.
6. G.O.Rt.No. 1560, Law (M.I) Department, dated 13.09.2012.

O R D E R:

In the G.O., third read above, orders were issued fixing a ratio between the Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government and the Section Officers basing on the permanent cadre strength of their respective cadres as exist in the Single Unit for promotion to the category of Assistant Secretary to Government and above. As per the said G.O. there will be separate line of promotion to the Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government and the Section Officers and the ratio so fixed be re-fixed, once after three(3) panel years based on the permanent cadre strength both in the feeder category and higher category of posts.

2. In the G.O.4<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have decided to allot the fixed cadre strength of posts of Section Officers for promotion from the category of Senior Stenographer/Special Category Stenographer and to omit the existing rule relating to appointment by transfer/ conversion of Senior Stenographers to the post of Assistant Section Officer. After appointment by promotion to the post of Section Officer, further promotions will be considered from the channel of Section Officer Category as per the allotment of the posts in the higher categories in accordance with G.O. 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. Further in the said G.O. it is decided that the Senior Stenographer/Special Category Stenographer may opt for promotion to the post of Section Officer within the fixed cadre strength of the posts of Section Officers. The channel of promotion from Senior Stenographer will be for the post of Special Category Stenographer and later on to the Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government will continue. The promotion to the post of Section Officer will be based on the Seniority in the post of Special Category Stenographer/Senior Stenographer with reference to their date of regularization in the respective categories.

3. In order to provide such similar promotional channel in Law Department, the file was circulated to the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the advice of GAD (Ser.) Department. The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister has suggested to re-examine the whole issue to settle the issue permanently and advised the Law Department to constitute a committee to examine all the representations and come with an amicable proposals to settle the issue once for all and circulate the file through the Chief Secretary.

4. Accordingly, the Government have constituted an Officers Committee to examine the prevailing situation in Law Department viz., the cadre strength in each of the categories and their promotional avenues respectively in the light of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and to give its recommendations suggesting suitable and valuable solutions to enable to sort out the issues relating to promotional aspects of Private Secretaries to Secretaries to Government and Section Officers and Special Category Stenographers/Senior Stenographers and Assistant Section Officers in Law Department vide G.Os. in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> references read above.

5. Accordingly, the task before the Committee was to take a decision regarding promotional aspects of Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government, Section Officers, Special Category Stenographers/Senior Stenographers and Assistant Section Officers in Law Department on the following two points:

**Point No. (1):** earmarking of the higher posts i.e. from Assistant Secretary to Government to Additional Secretary to Government (Non-cadre) in Law Department among the cadres of Private Secretaries to Secretaries to Government and Section Officers in Law Department; and

**Point No.(2):** allotment of one post of Section Officer for appointment by transfer from the category of Special Category Stenographers/Senior Stenographers in Law Department.

6. The Committee, after going through the notes and papers placed before it and after going through the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.555, G.A.(Ser.B)Department, dated 30.8.2008, G.O.Ms.No.65, GA(Ser. B) Department, dated 13.2.2009 and G.O.Ms.No.33, G.A.(Ser.B) Department, dated 19.1.2010 pertaining to single unit and also taking into account of the number of posts available in each of the categories in Law Department, the present promotional aspects and the ratio between the different categories resolved as follows:

**Resolution No.(1) :** Keeping in view the permanent cadre strength of both the categories i.e. Section Officers and Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government, in the Law Department, the ratio is 7:1. Therefore, it is resolved to earmark one post of Assistant Secretary to the Category of Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government in Law Department. As per the ratio, the first roster point in every eight (8) cycle points shall be earmarked to the Private Secretaries in the department, as is being followed in single unit. This earmarking shall be confined to the post of Assistant Secretary, in view of their low cadre strength.

**Resolution No. (2):** It is resolved that one post of Section Officer under category (B) be earmarked to the category of Special Category Steno/Senior Steno.

7. Government after careful examination of the entire issue decided to accept the above recommendations of the Officers Committee constituted vide G.O.Rt.No.418, Law (M.I) Department, dated 24-02-2012 and hereby direct to:

(i) Earmark one post of Assistant Secretary to Government to the category of Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government on the lines of orders issued in G.O.Ms. No. 555, G.A.(Ser.B) Department, dated 30.8.2008; and in the ratio of 1:7. As per the ratio, the first roster point in every eight (8) cycle points shall be earmarked to the Private Secretaries to Secretary to Government in respect of promotion to the post of Assistant secretary to Government, Law Department.

(ii) Earmark one post of Section Officer under Category (B) to the category of Special Category Stenographer/Senior Stenographer.

8. Pursuant to the above orders, suitable amendments to the A.P. Secretariat Service Rules and A.P. Secretariat Subordinate Service Rules respectively will be issued separately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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FORWARDED: //BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER